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TRANSMITTING DEVICE



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Examiner: Richard M. Lorence

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Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings the attached reference to the Examiner's attention and requests that it be considered and made of record in this application. Also attached is a completed PTO-1449 form.

French Patent Publication FR-2692642, Japanese Laid Open Publication Nos. H10-246307 and H11-344099, and German Patent Publication DE-10001906 in the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith were cited for the first time in the corresponding German Application. Further, a copy of the German Office Action and a translation thereof are attached.

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US Patent Publication US2001-0011621 is believed to be equivalent of German Laid-Open Patent Publication of DE10001906. A copy is provided herewith as a translation.

French Patent Publication FR-2692642 appears to disclose a locking clutch and hydrokinetic coupling. As seen in Figure 2 of FR-2692642, a coupling part 3 forming a piston has a torsion shock absorbing device 5 and 7 that rotates with it. The torsion absorber has two coaxially rotating parts, which run circumferentially against an elastic part 8. An English language translation of the Abstract is provided herewith.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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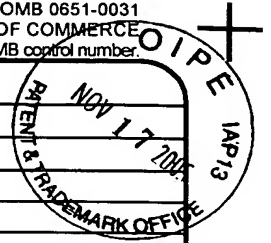
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Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ - Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
		FR-2692642-A1	12-24-1993	MICHEL et al.	Entire disclosure	NO
		JP-H10-246307-A	09-14-1998	KATO et al.	Abstract	YES
		JP-H11-344099-A	12-14-1999	IRITANI et al.	Abstract	YES
		DE-10001906-A1	08-23-2001	Bauer et al.	Fig. 7	YES

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